



## It was a mellow evening of Merlot at the Verona Café and Wine Bar!

According to a patron of the Verona Café and Wine Bar last Friday evening, the charming little place “is an idea whose time has come; something like this was very much needed in Aruba.” Anyone else that dropped into their “Merlot Mingle” on July 28<sup>th</sup> will readily agree, the delightful Art Deco décor and casual, relaxed ambiance provided a pleasant way to spend a few hours, savoring a selection of excellent merlot vintages hand picked by Manager Alfonso.

Friday evening is a time to kick back, slough off the stressed of the workweek (yes, even here, in Aruba) and get in the mood for the weekend. The Verona Café and Wine Bar, which is located in the Bayside Mall in Oranjestad features thirty-five brands of wine on their extensive list, in a wide variety of vintages. Not only did their monthly wine party offer an opportunity to sample the differences in Merlot from vineyards located in Chile, Italy, Argentina, and California, they also provided enlightening information on subjects that enhance the experience. Such secrets as how to select food and wine that complement each other; identifying key flavors and aromas, and in particular, the proper way to serve an individual wine, including the correct temperature and glass to provide the optimal enjoyment were revealed by their wine experts.

Merlot, with its deep purple color and enticing aromas that hint at blueberries and juicy plums with just a touch of eucalyptus, was an excellent choice for the wine party that proved such a success. It will certainly become a monthly Friday night ritual for those that appreciate the good things in life. Along with several glasses of wine, patrons were treated to delightful gourmet snacks, such as mini-quiche, which only enforced that sensation of living “La Dolce Vita.” Combined with stimulating conversation, the perfect background music of Eduardo Maya, it was undoubtedly a “Mellow Merlot Mingle!”

The Verona Café and Wine Bar is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. They feature their wine parties the last Friday of the month, and next month patrons can test the differences between Cabernet Sauvignon of wineries from all corners of the globe. Why is Verona an “idea whose time has come?” Because the charming café has appeal to all ages that enjoy the finer things in life, a perfect spot to savor a glass of wine and shrug off the stress of the day with some good company or just to relax and meet with friends for a bite. In a world where fast food reigns, or rap and reggeton blast from the loud speakers, it provides an oasis where one can still carry on a conversation like an adult, and enjoy a bit nightlife. We are looking forward to checking out some Cabernet Sauvignon next month!